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THE SENTENCE OF

CHAUFFEUR DARRAGH

In sentencing Chauffeur Darragh to not less than seven nor more than twenty years imprisonment for having killed a thirteen year old boy by reckless driving of an automobile, Judge Mulqueen of the Court of General Sessions in New York city stated that the next man who came before him upon a similar charge "might pay the penalty with his life"—that is, might be sentenced to the electric chair. In the decision the court said:

The automobile has come to stay. Properly used it is a source of health, recreation. It is an important factor in business. It affords remunerative employment for many. But it is clear that its use is fraught with the gravest danger to the people. There are all drivers and owners of these machines must be extremely careful. Recklessness and negligence will subject them to severe penalties. They must not seek their own pleasure or convenience at the risk of the public. It is the paramount duty of the State to protect the lives of our people.

This matter of the duty of auto-

mobiles, which is put so clearly by

Judge Mulqueen, is precisely the point

which has been urged by this and other

papers. In substance, it is that the

auto driver has not a superior

right to the roadway, to which all pe-

destrians and all drivers of other ve-

hicles must bow. On the contrary, the

auto driver, having the superior ve-

hicle, must pay due regard to the sa-

fety of the others, precisely as a steam-

er upon the water must pay due re-

gard to the safety of sailing vessels,

row boats, etc. This is a point which

is evidently not understood by all op-

erators of autos. Its neglect or a dis-

regard of it may lead to very serious

consequences, as in the case of Chau-

ffeur Darragh. Had he observed it, he

would not be now confronted by a

prolonged stay in Sing Sing prison.

It is very pleasing to add that here

in Bridgeport autoists are very much

more prudent in their driving than

they were a few months ago. Speed-

ing is much less frequent and, when

noticed, the offenders are mostly from

other states. Passing trolley cars

which are taking on or discharging

passengers, is less frequent and, when

doing so, the auto is generally on such

low speed as permits an almost in-

stantaneous stoppage; in this matter

also, the offenders are generally from

other states.

Possibly, the Darragh sentence will

serve to limit the recklessness of New

York autoists passing through our

streets.

There is, it is said, a tropical fruit

trust which last year scored a profit

of about \$6,000,000 on a capital of \$25-

000,000, or about 25 per cent. This is

somewhat less than the apparent

profits of some of the other trusts, but

is larger than the average percent-

age of profit in industries which are

not controlled by trusts.

Beef, veal, mutton, pork, bacon,

lamb, etc., are all to be "protected"

by higher tariff duties, if the will of

the Senate prevails. There is a short-

age of beef cattle, says the Beef Trust

an explanation of advanced prices; it

must not be remedied by importations,

says the Senate. Wages should be

reduced in order to lessen the cost of

manufactures and to thus stimulate

the market, say the great capitalists;

they cannot be reduced unless the cost

of living be also reduced, says Labor.

The Beef Trust and the Senate agree

that the cost of meats shall not be re-

duced, but rather increased.

In a recent judicial decision, it was

stated in substance, that the sensi-

tiveness of a white man was superior

to that of a negro, and that, therefore,

the latter was not entitled to as heavy

damages for laceration of feelings as

the former would be under similar

conditions.

Now, Prof. Wilder of Cornell col-

lege asserts that it is "not possible to

distinguish between the brain of a

black man and the brain of a white

man," his assertion being applicable

only to residents of North America.

As mental sensitiveness must emanate

from the brain, the judicial decision

above mentioned and the assertion of

Prof. Wilder do not seem to harmon-

ize. Nor does Prof. Wilder's view co-

incide with popular opinion which is

based, not upon comparisons of the

brains of deceased persons but upon

the actual achievements of the two

races through the world.

Senator Rayner recently declared that

in his opinion, Congress does not hold

the power of levying prohibitory tar-

iff duties. Might he not have added

that Congress does not hold the power

of levying any protective duties

whatsoever? However these questions

may be decided by expert constitu-

tionalists, there is another way which

any man holds the right of his op-

inion. It is: Has any authority the

GIVE 'EM THE EARTH

(Hartford Courant.)

The surprising statement that the
judiciary committee of the Legislature
is divided (and more surprising still
quite evenly divided) as to the hog-The present law, which got on the
statute books by some accident of mis-
apprehension, is manifestly not satis-
factory to the monopolists. It was
they who began the movement for
its amendment. They were so hun-
gry and exacting that they stuck their
feet into the trough. Now that they
have pulled their feet out, they per-
sist in demanding the trough and all
that they think goes with it. They
wanted a special penalty for violating
the law they had secured, and as if
that was not enough, they wanted in-
junction proceedings so that the vio-When they were exposed, they with-
drew all their extraordinary demands
and insisted on being let alone. The
law as they have it picks out twelve
towns in all of Connecticut and says
that in those twelve towns no person
who happens to have an electric gen-
erator on his premises shall share elec-
tricity with his next-door neighbor.
No person in any town is authorized
to cross a street with a wire or a
pipe without special permission. The
electric companies are all fenced in
and protected as to their monopolies.
Nobody with an electric generator can
do more than furnish some electricity
to a customer in the same block. He
can furnish gas or heat. It is only
electricity that he cannot furnish and
that prohibition holds in only twelve
places in all Connecticut.What poppycock! There are two
ways to settle the difficulty. One is
to abolish the law, which is what fair-
minded people all over the state are
demanding. The exposure of the situ-
ation has caused no little indignation.The other way is to come out flat-
footed and forbid anybody from mak-
ing any electricity at all, either for
himself or his neighbor. Make the
monopoly a monopoly. Give it the
earth. If it wants anything more,
give it that, too, and then explain why.

CASTORIA.

Bears the
Signature of *Chas. H. Pletcher*

COL. MCCLURE DEAD

Stamped Republican Convention That
Nominated Lincoln in 1860.Philadelphia, Penn., June 7.—Col.
Alexander Kelley McClure, famous
years ago as a National politician and
newspaper man, died yesterday at his
home in Wallingford, just after greet-
ing members of his family, who had
come to visit him. He had been ill
since March.
Col. McClure was born in Sherman's
Valley, Perry County, Penn., Jan. 9,
1828, and spent the early years of his
life on his father's farm. During these
years he divided his time between
the farm and the village school, and
at the age of 14 he was apprenticed
to the tanner's trade. In 1846, on
the advice of his friends, he became
the editor of the Perry Freeman, to whose
publication he had contributed, he began
the publication of a Whig journal, the
Sentinel, at Millin, Penn. The little
paper did well from the day it was
started. Its youthful editor started in
at the first to master the details of the
printing business. He went to the
case, learned to set type, and took his
close of the first year he dispensed
with all the help of the office, and be-
sides editing the paper, set the type,
did the press work, and all the other
labor incident to publishing a country
newspaper with the help of a single
apprentice.His first political prominence was in
1853 when he was nominated and de-
feated for auditor general by the
Whigs. A member of the Republican
convention which nominated Lincoln in
1860, Colonel McClure was the one who
suggested that the Pennsylvania dele-
gates should break away from Simon
Cameron of Pennsylvania and vote for
Lincoln. This was done and Lincoln's
name stamped the convention.Oldest War Veteran
With Sheridan's CavalryMiddletown, N. Y., June 7.—Probably
the oldest veteran on the United States
pension rolls is Michael Wise of Bea-
ver Brook, Sullivan county, who has
just applied for an increase in pension.
Dr. John F. Curlette, a special exam-
iner, called upon him and was greatly
surprised to learn that he was 168
years old. The pension records give
his age as only 104, but his family say
they have absolute proof that he is
four years older.While hale and hearty, he was not
able to travel to be examined, and the
Government sent an examiner to him.
He was a member of Sheridan's cav-
alry. He took part in the fighting in
Shenandoah Valley.

CARERS

LITTLE
LIVER
PILLS.Bears the
Signature of *Chas. H. Pletcher*Dangling From Tree
Within Sight of CapitolTallahassee, Fla., June 7.—Dangling
from a limb of a tree in the county
jailyard and within sight of the dome
of the Florida State Capitol, the life-
less body of Mark Morris, a negro, met
the gaze of the people of this city
yesterday. He was condemned to
death for the murder of William Lang-ston, late sheriff of this county, and
within a few weeks would have legally
paid the penalty of the crime with his
life.

More Than Pleased.

"Did Miss Flaviola seem pleased
when you asked her to go to the thea-

ter?"

"Pleased! She wanted to keep the
tickets for fear something might hap-

pen to me."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Gallant.

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forty years old today. Gallant Bach-elor—Madam, you are just twenty. I
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